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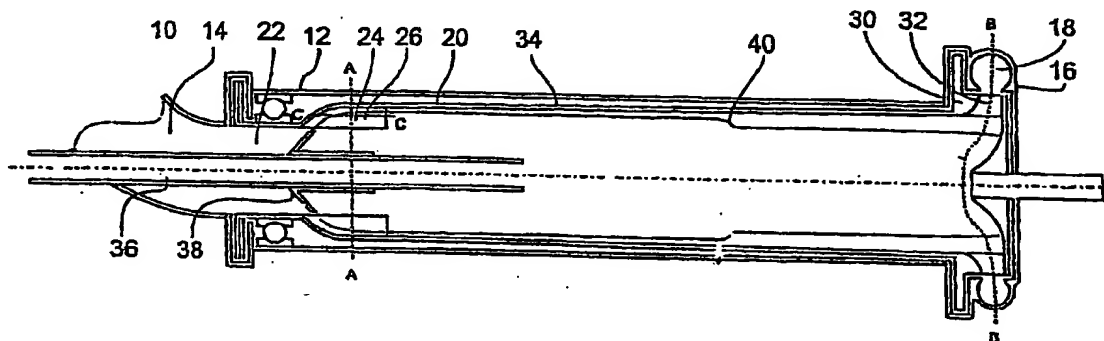
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a degassing centrifugal apparatus such as a pump and to a process for pumping and degassing a fluid. The apparatus has a rotatable hollow rotor (20) connected to a stationary fluid inlet (14) at one end and a stationary liquid outlet (16) at the opposite end and a gas exhaust (36) in the center thereof. The rotor (20) has at its inlet end a bladed shovel wheel (26) with arcuate shovels (24). The shovel wheel (26) accelerates a fluid flow in said rotor inlet end and causes the fluid to rotate at a peripheral velocity higher than the peripheral velocity of said rotor inlet end. The apparatus is especially useful for pumping and degassing backwater in the production of paper or board in a paper machine.

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